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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated August 8, 2006, for which a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set for November 8, 2006. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this document. This amendment of claims replaces all prior versions and listings:

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this document.